In the United States Patent and Trademark Office) Amendment and Respon Scott L. Barham oplicant:) to Office Action Serial No: 09/484,071) Group Art Unit: 1754) Examiner: S. Bos January 18, 2000 Date Filed: FILTRATION AID FOR THE) Attorney Docket No: 5594 Invention: (formerly CU-2110-TJK) BAYER PROCESS

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- [X] APPLICANTS herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Communication dated August 1, 2003, for two months from November 1, 2003 to January 1, 2004. As January 1, 2004 is a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, this Amendment and Response to Office Action is being mailed on January 2, 2004. Please charge our deposit account No. 14-0105 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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